

## PARIS BOY WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE

Joe J. Grosche and brothers, Henry and Will Grosche, of this city, have received a letter from their brother, Mr. Leo Grosche, who is in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Force. For the first time, Mr. Grosche states, they are allowed to tell where they are stationed. Mr. Grosche's letter is one of great interest, and is published in full below:

"Thiviers, France, June 3.  
"Dear Brothers:

"It is now permissible for men behind the lines to give their location, and to send home postal views and have various other privileges in the way of letter-writing, etc. So I hope that hereafter I will be able to write more interesting letters.

"The above place is pronounced Te-ve-ay, and is in the province of Dordogne. I do not know if you will be able to find Thiviers on an American map, but it is located about ninety miles northeast of Bordeaux, or else find Peugueux and look northeast of there. Before describing our present location I'll tell you about my previous experience in France.

"After landing we were in a rest camp, near (deleted.) I was only in the latter place once. A bunch of us, in charge of an officer, tramped there and back one afternoon. About all we did was to walk through the business section, and we did not get to see anything of much consequence. Anyway I can say I have been in Bordeaux. After leaving Camp No-Rest, as we have nicknamed it, we traveled by train to Vallet. This place is pronounced just as it is spelled, and is in the province of Loire Inférieure, and is about fifteen miles southeast of Nantes. We were located at Vallet for about two months building a telegraph line (that is all we are doing at our present location.) Our mess hall was in an old theatre, and our barracks were in three different buildings, scattered throughout the town. We were comfortably housed, though. Vallet is a great wine center, and practically all of the ground under cultivation is in vineyards. While there I formed an erroneous opinion that the people of France were putting more attention to wine than the growing of foodstuffs, but it is altogether different in this section. Since leaving Vallet we have seen very few grape vines. Before the war this was evidently a very lively place. You could hardly go two doors without stepping into a winery (cafe is the principal name for them here), and I don't suppose there was a home but what had its private wine cellar. Well, that's enough about Vallet.

"Now, I'll tell you about the most interesting part of my trip since leaving the States (excepting some occurrences on our sea trip), and that was a two-hundred mile motor truck trip from Vallet to Thiviers. We had quite a train of trucks, officers' cars, motorcycles and 'road lice' (trucks.) I was in one of the latter with a kitchen force, and we would run ahead of the trail, get about three hours start on it, set up our stoves and have mess ready when the train got to camp. We were on the run from last Monday morning until Wednesday noon. We camped in towns on the two nights out on our trip. Some of the fellows set up their 'pup tents,' and some slept on the trucks and on the ground. The cook and I rolled up in our blankets on the ground and had the big blue sky for our tent. In my opinion, the nights were too beautiful to do otherwise. The last night we camped at Angouleme (the spelling of the places I am giving you may be different on the American maps.) It was quite a large place, and beautiful, to say the least. It is located on a hill and overlooks an immense valley. The most beautiful part of our trip, though, was after leaving Angouleme. I am a poor hand at describing scenery, but just want to say that, though I have not seen all of the United States, I've yet to see the scenic part of it that can compare with the country we've passed through in the last week.

"Another interesting sight was some masonry work in the way of big stone arched railway bridges. One thing the French have is good roads. We have found almost perfect highways everywhere. I forgot to say that I made a great many motor truck trips to Nantes, and it is certainly an interesting city. Well, anyway, we arrived in Thiviers with enough dirt and dust on us to keep us busy washing ever since, and I still have some traces of it. Thiviers is a town of about five thousand. We are all in barracks in one building, and have our mess hall in another building. I'm still in the kitchen, had an opportunity to get out of it this week, but believe I'll stick it out until we begin railroadding, which I believe will be in a couple of months. While I'm sitting here writing I can see a big locomotive in the yards just across the road, with the good old letters, U. S. A. painted on the tender, and let me tell you folks, it looks mighty good to me. United States railway equipment is a common sight here. You people would have to be in France to realize to what extent Uncle Sam is going into this war. But take it from me, folks, he is coming strong, and when he gets fully prepared, somebody's going to catch him.

"I do not know if the custom is general, but in Thiviers the first Saturday of each month is the general market day. All the farmers with their produce and stock come to town. Well, last Saturday, they came in all directions, and it was almost misery to try to get through some of the streets. And speaking of streets, one of our trucks will completely block the majority of them, and the sidewalks are very seldom over three feet wide. Well, to get back to the main subject, about 'court day.' The people came to town in assorted vehicles galore, donkey-drawn carts being the principal means of locomotion, oxen for the heavier loads, but very few horses. In Nantes a great many dog carts were to be seen.

"I believe I had better save some of the descriptive material until the next letter. I suppose the first thing you will want to know is how I am getting along. I weighed Sunday on French scales, and my weight was sixty-five kilograms (143 pounds.) That's with my clothes on, too, and makes a gain for me of about twenty-seven pounds since I enlisted. That's the heaviest I have ever been in my life. Do you believe the army life is agreeing with me?

"By the way, I received the bunch of 'Luke McLuke's' and the Mutt and Jeff clippings, and they are certainly great stuff. Continue to send them. Folks, I guess we are all out of luck on the parcel proposition, because the latest order is that no packages can be sent to the soldiers over here, order or no order, from the commanding officer.

"Well, here comes duty next, and I will have to quit for this time, with the promise of having more in the future. With love to everybody, I am  
Yours,  
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George Eustace Pearson is a survivor of Princess Patricia's Regiment of Canadian Light Infantry, better known as the "Princess Pats;" an author of books on the war and contributor to the Saturday Evening Post. His Chautauqua address will recount the history and adventure of the Princess Pats, the most famous body of fighting men of modern times.

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## FIRE DESTROYS HEMP.

Fire which originated in some manner as yet unexplained, in a big pile of hemp on the farm of Mr. Jack Leach, near Centerville, this county, destroyed the hemp and a number of hemp breaks used in the work of breaking out the fiber. Mr. Leach estimates the loss done by the fire as being close to \$3,000.

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## ACCIDENTLY SHOT.

Robert Collins, a farmer of the Jacksonville precinct, is a patient in the Massie Memorial Hospital, in Paris, where he is suffering from the effects of a gunshot wound in the left foot.

Collins was shooting at birds on his farm near Jacksonville, and had just reloaded his gun for a shot at a flying bird, when in some way the weapon was discharged, the load taking effect in his left foot. He was hurried to the hospital where amputation was deemed necessary, the foot being taken off just below the ankle.

## BOOTLEGGER FINED.

In Police Court, Tuesday, a fine of \$50 and a jail sentence of twenty days was assessed against Ed. Johnson, a colored resident of Winnale street, near Claysville, on a charge of bootlegging liquor in local option territory.

Jackson was placed under arrest by Chief of Police Link and Patrolman Lusk, after suspicion which had been directed toward him matured into an actuality, when the wet goods in small packages, were found on him. Johnson confessed his guilt and the fine and sentence was recorded against him.

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## PUBLIC INVITED TO INSPECT COMMUNITY GARDEN

The community war gardens located on the old Fair Grounds property, on the Lexington pike, near Paris, will be open for the inspection of the public on July 3, when Mrs. Harriet Minaker, and the workers will take pleasure in showing visitors around the gardens.

The gardens have been cultivated by Paris and Bourbon county boys, all under sixteen years of age, under the supervision of Mrs. Minaker. They have been taking intense interest in the work, and as a result of their labors, what was once an unproductive area, is now blossoming forth in a mass of "green goods," the kind that cheers the inner man, makes for health, and is also good to look upon. The ground for the purpose for which it is being used was donated by E. F. Spears & Sons, of Paris, who purchased it some years ago.

On this same date the boys will be presented with medals, donated by the Government, in appreciation of the good work they have done and are still doing in gardening.

The people of Paris should turn out en masse, and visit the Community gardens on July 3. The trip will do them good, and the sight of what the boys have done out there will be a revelation to them.

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## HOME FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS.

President Wilson has interested himself in this nation-wide movement. The Government puts upon it the stamp of approval by appropriating \$30,000 to any State that will match this amount. Don't condemn. Learn the facts.

The immediate reason for this movement is that the army officials have determined to remove from the vicinity of the training camps the young women of loose morality who constitute a menace to the health of the soldiers, and preliminary to this action it is desired that provision be made to house these girls and give them opportunity to reform morally and prepare themselves for employment in various occupations.

Aside from the military necessities which have induced the nation to take notice of the delinquent girl, the ordinary impulses of humanity and the advancing ideals of right living should prompt ready response to this appeal for help.

Viewed purely as an economic question it should demand the most energetic and thorough treatment at the hands of society and the State. The percentage of young men suffering from the damming effects of the social evil is appalling.

We can no longer ignore conditions. Louisville pledges \$20,000 of the State's quota. Lexington hopes to get \$2,000. Throughout the State Bourbon county is known as always "standing by" in every emergency. In this, too, she will do her bit. Watch the papers for the date of a woman's rally. Very little is to be asked of each person, but this hydra-headed monster must be crushed. Its menace is second only to that of Prussianism. Lend your interest and influence.

## BOURBON CIRCUIT COURT

The June term of the Bourbon Circuit Court, which has been in session since June 11, adjourned Wednesday, after transacting a considerable amount of important business. Two murder cases were continued to the November term. The case of John Henry Harpe for killing Oscar Wiloughby and the case of Henry Hawkins, colored, for killing Sarah Leer, colored, were the ones thus disposed of temporarily.

In the Harpe case an affidavit was presented to the Court to the effect that Attorney Maury Kemper, of Lexington, who was his attorney, was engaged in holding a term of court in Fayette county, and therefore, could not be present.

On Wednesday morning Judge Robert L. Stout convened Court and called motion hour, at which a number of orders and motions incident to the adjournment of the term were taken up and ordered filed with Clerk Webb.

Mose Fisher, indicted for robbing the clothing store of I. L. Price & Co., was given a sentence of one year in the penitentiary.

Simon Cooper, housebreaking, was sent to the same institution for one year.

Bud Cage, indicted for stealing shingles from the Templin Lumber Co., was also given one year in the "pen."

All are colored men. John Clay, colored, indicted for carrying concealed deadly weapons, was fined \$50 and given ten days in jail and disfranchised for two years.

The fact that little business was transacted at this term of the Court was due to pressure of work on the farms in saving the wheat and hay crops. Judge Stout expressing the opinion that much of the work of the Court could go over to the fall term, Judge Stout left for Frankfort, Wednesday, where he is presiding over the June term of the Franklin Circuit Court.

## BOURBON OIL CO. BUSY.

Mr. C. L. Ball, of the Bourbon Oil & Development Co., and Mr. Sam Booth, one of the principal stockholders of the concern, have been in Estill county fields several days, inspecting the work going on on the company's leases in that territory.

The drill was down 400 feet yesterday in Well No. 1, on the Freeman lease on Ross Creek. All the wells on Ross Creek of this company have now been connected up with the pipelines and oil is being pumped to the tanks.

## PARIS WOMAN INTERESTED IN NEW WAR ACTIVITY.

Mrs. Virgil D. Chandler, formerly of Paris, who has been residing in Battle Creek, Mich., for some time, has inaugurated a new phase of war activity work, and is now in Kentucky prosecuting the work along that line. Mrs. Chandler is a daughter of Mr. W. H. H. Johnson, of Second street, this city.

Mrs. Chandler made an address in Lexington, as starting point of the movement, her topic being "Patriotism." The meeting was held in the Baptist church. Mrs. Chandler is engaged in promoting the organization of a Society for Cripples, and for the relief of crippled soldiers coming home from the war in Europe.

This society, having only come into existence within the last few months, is comparatively new to many persons, and to many cripples as well. Mrs. Chandler is touring the country in the interest of the organization and when asked concerning her work, said that she was sent out to mobilize all physically afflicted persons, that when the time comes the cripples at home may teach crippled soldiers returning from the front how again to mold their lives and habits to be useful citizens, to go on living as before the war and in many cases to teach them occupations by which they may make a living.

Mrs. Chandler says the object of the Society is to make all members think less of their own misfortune in giving their utmost to win the war. She urges that all cripples, whether or not they have interviewed her, to notify the secretary-treasurer of the Society, Miss Anna M. Woodford, at Paris, so that they may become members of this organization, and ally themselves with the movement, which is to be useful to the Government during the great struggle, and in the reconstruction period following.

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